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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

MICHAEL S. JOHNSON, DONNA: DYMKOWSKI, PATRICIA LONG: CORREA, ANTONIO SAMUEL, VINCENT: HALL, ANGELETTE WATERS;

Individually, and on behalf of the Class,

: CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-5547 (DMC) (MF)

Plaintiffs,

: CERTIFICATION OF ANGELETTE WATERS

VS.

NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a: Delaware Corporation; LEEDS, MORELLI &: BROWN, P.C.; LENARD LEEDS, STEVEN: A. MORELLI, JEFFREY K. BROWN;: JAMES VAGNINI; FREDERIC DAVID: OSTROVE; BRYAN MAZOLLA; SUSAN: FITZGERALD; AND JOHN AND JANE: DOES 1-10 (a fictitious designation for: presently unknown Defendants),

Defendants.

Angelette Waters, of full age, certifies as follows:

1. I am a Plaintiff in the above referenced matter. I make this Certification in opposition to the Defendants' Motions to Dismiss and to Change Venue.

- 2. I never traveled to New York to meet with Leeds-Morelli. Leeds-Morelli advertised they were having meetings of Nextel employees at a hotel in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, regarding bringing claims against Nextel. At these meetings, Leeds-Morelli encouraged me to retain them in order to initiate a lawsuit against Nextel on the basis of my claims of race and sex discrimination against my employer, Nextel. I was employed by Nextel in New Jersey.
- 3. I signed a retainer agreement with Leeds-Morelli in New Jersey and signed an individual agreement on October 10, 2000 at the same hotel in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. I signed this agreement after receiving a Highlights of Settlement Agreement with Nextel. I never knew that there was a separate settlement agreement, and the Defendants never presented me with a copy of same. I note that the individual agreement does not indicate the date of the settlement agreement, nor does it disclose the amount of money that Leeds-Morelli were being paid. The individual agreement indicates that Leeds-Morelli are going to be paid in lieu of the retainer agreement they executed with me. I only would learn in 2003 that Leeds-Morelli's compensation was paid nearly three times what the clients it was representing recovered in this process after they were paid millions of dollars by Nextel to keep our claims out of court.
- 4. As I stated in Paragraph 2 of my Certification, I retained Leeds-Morelli in New Jersey to bring my claims based on my employment in New Jersey with Nextel. I never met with Leeds-Morelli in New York. I met with Leeds-Morelli on several occasions at the hotel in Lyndhurst. I also met with Leeds-Morelli at the offices of Jackson Lewis in Morristown and at the offices of the American Arbitration Association on Davidson Avenue in Somerset, New Jersey.
- 5. When I signed a release in 2001 releasing my claims, I was unaware of the compensation Leeds-Morelli had been paid by Nextel. I did not known that Leeds-Morelli were being paid an amount of money wholly unrelated to the amount of money collected for me and the rest of the

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Leeds-Morelli had been paid by Nextel. I did not known that Leeds-Morelli were being paid an

amount of money wholly unrelated to the amount of money collected for me and the rest of the

clients. It was only after seeing news report of November 2002 of Leeds-Morelli's unethical

activities in another case that I contact my current attorneys in 2003 and learned of the existence of

the Dispute Resolution and Settlement Agreement and of Leeds-Morelli's 7.5 million dollar payment

by Nextel.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of

the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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Dated: